

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Every 13 minutes a woman loses her life to breast cancer. This devastating disease strikes our mothers, daughters, friends, and sisters indiscriminately; and,

*Whereas*, The promise of more precise breast cancer treatments, prevention, and cures lies within each woman's DNA and genomic code; and,

*Whereas*, April 25, 2013, commemorates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the discovery of the double helix of DNA by James Watson and Francis Crick, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first sequencing of the human genome; and,

*Whereas*, These discoveries opened a new world of scientific opportunity to help the pain and suffering of diseases like breast cancer; and,

*Whereas*, The Edith Sanford Breast Cancer Foundation is pioneering a bold new comprehensive approach to breast cancer, with a mission to unlock each woman's genomic code, advance today's prevention and treatment, and end breast cancer for future generations; and,

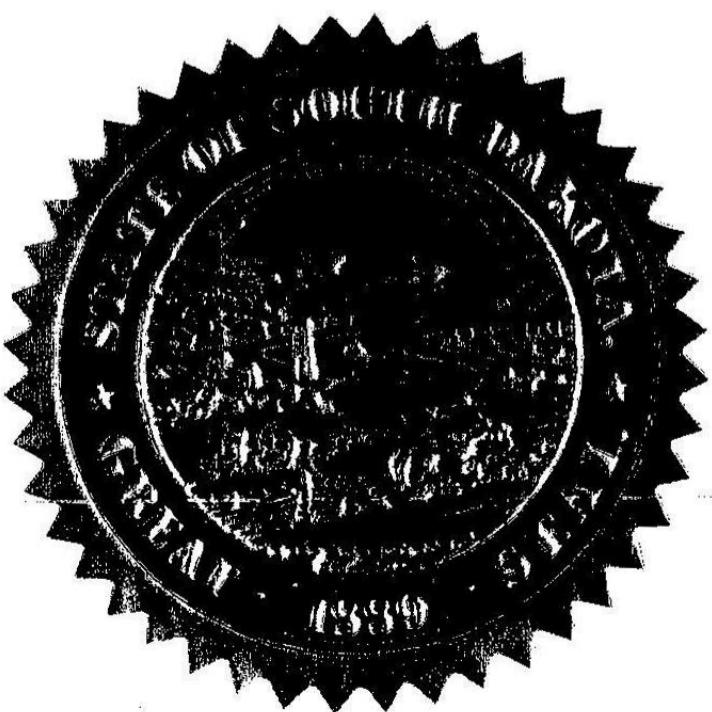
*Whereas*, DNA Day will promote awareness about advances in genomics research and encourages South Dakotans to explore their family's health history to better understand their own genetic risk factors in order to make proactive, informed decisions about managing their health:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2013, as

## **DNA DAY**

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Cant, Secretary of State